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Applicant:	Kabir Siddiqui	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
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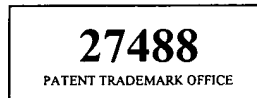
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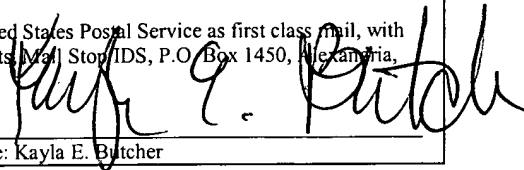
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

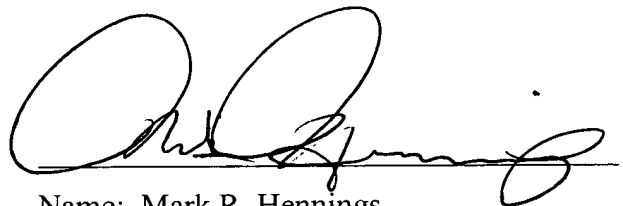
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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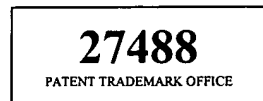
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FORM 1449*

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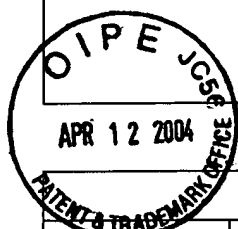
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,557,440	9/17/1996	Hanson et al.	359	161	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Richard Pekelney and Robin Chu; <i>Design Criteria of an Ergonomic Mouse Computer Input Device</i> ; Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society 39 th Annual Meeting—1995; pages 369-373
		Donald A. Dennis; <i>Become an Industrial Athlete: Ergonomic Don's Guide to Preventing Office Injuries</i> ; May/June 2000, Law Practice Management; pages 47-48
		T. Zeh; <i>The Technology of Ergonomic Touch Entry Devices</i> ; IEE 1999; pages 343-345

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